

WASHOE COUNTY CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: March 14, 2019

PLACE: Washoe County Commissioners' Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Hayley Hamel, Child Development Specialist
Ryan Putzer, For Profit Child Care provider (Center)
Kristen Mareno, For Profit Child Care Provider (Center)
Alexis Erlach, Recipient of Child Care Services
Sylvia Lee, Reno Fire Department
Chris McCubbins, Sparks Fire Department
Tiffany Dyer, Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Glaiza Giron, For Profit Child Care Provider (Home)
Shiho Schmidt, Recipient of Child Care Services
Kim Tran Franchi, Washoe County Health District – Environmental Health
Kathy Sobrio, Washoe County Health District – Immunization Program
Kristy Baker, Washoe County Human Services Agency
(Vacant Position – Recipient of Child Care Services)

Item 1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, and roll was taken.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were approved.

Item 3: Recruitment to Fill Vacant Board Position (Elise Henriques)

Elise Henriques advised we still need to fill a vacant Board position for a recipient of child care and that notices were sent out via USPS and mass e-mail. Elise asked that if anyone knew of someone that was interested in such a position, to please let Kristy Baker know by March 15th.

Item 4: Update on Proposed Regulation Changes and Plan Going Forward (Elise Henriques)

Elise Henriques advised that on February 12, 2019, the Washoe County Commissioners approved the changes to the Regulations and that providers were notified by email of those changes. Regulation books will be updated and sent out to everyone soon. Ms. Henriques advised that the child care licensing workers conducted an abbreviated training with providers at Kim Steven's Director's Moral Booster Luncheon, which approximately 50 directors attended. The licensing workers have also been educating directors for the past couple of years about these changes, and the new regulations will start being slowly phased in/enforced to coincide with their annual license renewals. New regulations books will be printed, and training will also be offered.

Pro Solutions is offering free orientation safety trainings, which can be found on the Nevada Registry website.

Item 5: Department Update (Elise Henriques WCHSA)

Ms. Henriques announced that Kristy Baker has come back to WCHSA as the Child Care Licensing Supervisor, and Jesse Brown moved over to be a Supervisor at the Family Engagement Center.

An increase in child care subsidy rates starts as of March 1, 2019 for all facilities and for the facilities who are enrolled in Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS). Those facilities will see increases based on their star ratings. Infant care will be reimbursed at \$41.00/day. Family care rate will be reimbursed at \$32.00/day and Group Care at \$29.00/day. Two-stars will receive \$41.50, three-stars-\$42.00, four-stars-\$43.00, and five-stars-\$44.00.

The new Expulsion Policy becomes effective April 1, 2019 for registered subsidy providers. Certain steps will need to be taken prior to expulsions using Technical Assistance Center for Emotional Intervention (TACSEI) services. This is an evidence-based practice that supports positive and social-emotional skills for your children, such as recognizing emotions, learning rules and expectations, self-regulation, and positive social interactions.

Another support service is the Early Childhood Mental Health Services, provided by Rhonda Lawrence and her team. They will be providing classroom support to teachers, and trainings that focus on how trauma impacts children's behaviors, conscious discipline, and brain development. Their process is that the facility will send over the referral with parent consent. They will contact the parents, then observe in the classroom one to two hours, and then meet with the teachers and directors to provide feedback and ideas. If needed, they can go back to the classroom to provide mentoring and hands on training. They will check back in three weeks, and if the teachers need more support, they can do another observation and do a specific social-emotional plan for the child. Ms. Lawrence agreed to do a Memorandum of Understanding that will apply to The Kids Cottages staff as well as centers that aren't receiving subsidies or tied into QRIS, as those providers will need these services.

Ms. Henriques mentioned that in the last legislative session, a bill was passed that out of school time and out of school recreation programs will need to become permitted. The programs that receive governmental funding have been permitted by the state for several years now. Any non-governmental out of school time and out of school recreation programs that receive child care subsidy will be required to be permitted. The Children's Cabinet and the Child Care and Development Program will be permitting those programs.

There is a pending legislative bill tied to child care subsidies. That bill relates to special needs children being reimbursed at a higher rate. The pending bill will pay the entire amount for foster children.

Item 6: Next Meeting Date September 23, 2019 from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 23, 2019 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Item 7: Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

An audience member asked what the permit process would be. Ms. Henriques responded that she wasn't fully aware just yet what the exact process was going to be, but gave her thoughts and ideas of what she thinks the process will entail.

Another audience member asked who she would need to go to for that permit. Elise advised that the permitting entities would be contacting the facilities or programs that will now need to be permitted, but that her particular child care center's before and after school approval is already tied into her license through WCHSA, so it wouldn't affect her.

There were no further questions or comments from either the attendees or the Board members.

The meeting was adjourned.